House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 19 public bills, H.R. 5408–5426; and 2 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 419, and H. Res. 614 were introduced. Pages H9504–05

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows. H.R. 828, to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to require that discharges from combined storm and sanitary sewers conform to the Combined Sewer Overflow Control Policy of the Environmental Protection Agency, amended (H. Rept. 106–943):

S. 964, to provide for equitable compensation for the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe (H. Rept. 106–944);

Conference report on H.R. 4205, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2001 for military activities of the Department of Defense and for military construction, to prescribe military personnel strengths for fiscal year 2001 (H. Rept. 106–945);

H.R. 2592, to amend the Consumer Product Safety Act to provide that low-speed electric bicycles are consumer products subject to such Act, amended (H. Rept. 106–946);

H.R. 4461, making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration and Related Agencies programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001 (H. Rept. 106–947);

S. 1288, an act to provide incentives for collaborative forest restoration projects on National Forest System and other public lands in New Mexico (H. Rept. 106–947, Pt. 1); and

Conference report on H.R. 4461, making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration and Related Agencies programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001 (H. Rept. 106–948). Pages H9053–H9453, H9461–H9502, Administration and Related Agencies 204

Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, the Rev. Claude Pomerleau, University of Portland, Portland, Oregon.

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Journal: Agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal of Thursday, Oct. 5, 2000 by a yea and nay vote of 267 yeas to 50 nays with 1 voting "present", Roll No. 514.

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Transportation and Related Agencies Conference Report: The House agreed to the conference report on H.R. 4475, making appropriations for the Department of Transportation and related agencies for

the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001 by a yea and nay vote of 344 yeas to 50 nays, Roll No. 516.

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Agreed to H. Res. 612, the rule that waived points of order against the conference report by a yea and nay vote of 244 yeas to 136 nays, Roll No. 515. Also pursuant to the rule, H. Res. 586, H. Res. 592, H. Res. 595, H. Res. 599 and H. Res. 600 were laid on the table.

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Trafficking Victims Protection: The House agreed to the conference report on H.R. 3244, to combat trafficking of persons, especially into the sex trade, slavery, and slavery-like conditions in the United States and countries around the world through prevention, through prosecution and enforcement against traffickers, and through protection and assistance to victims of trafficking by a yea and nay vote of 371 yeas to 1 nay, Roll No. 518. Pages H9036-48

Agreed to H. Res. 613, the rule that waived points of order against the conference report by a yea and nay vote of 356 yeas to 28 nays, Roll No. 517.

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Increased Employer Fees for H–1B Non-Immigrant Workers: The House passed H.R. 5362, to increase the amount of fees charged to employers who are petitioners for the employment of H–1B non-immigrant workers.

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Recess: The House recessed at 3:49 p.m. and reconvened at 9:59 p.m. **Page H9461**

Legislative Program: Representative Dreier announced the Legislative Program for the week of Oct. 9, 2000.

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Meeting Hour—Tuesday, Oct. 10: Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet on Tuesday, Oct. 10 at 12:30 p.m. for morning-hour debates.

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Calendar Wednesday: Agreed to dispense with the Calendar Wednesday business of Wednesday, Oct. 11, 2000.

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Senate Messages: Messages received from the Senate today appear on pages H9028–29, H9052.

Referrals: S. 134, S. 1367, S. 1670, S. 1972, S. 2069, S. 2273, S. 2300, S. 2345, S. 2478, S. 2485, S. 2749, and S. 2950 were referred to the Committee on Resources. S. 2439, S. 2499 and S. 2942 were referred to the Committee on Commerce, S. 2885 was referred to the Committee on Government Reform. S. 2865 and S. 2691 were referred to the Committees on Resources and Agriculture; S. 1534

was referred to the Committees on Resources and Transportation and Infrastructure. Pages H9502–03

Quorum Calls—Votes: Five yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H9014, H9017, H9027–28, H9036, and H9047–48. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 10:01 p.m.

Committee Meetings

FAIRNESS IN SECURITIES TRANSACTIONS ACT

Committee on Commerce: Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 2441, Fairness in Securities Transactions Act.

INTERACTIVE TV SERVICES MARKETPLACE FUTURE

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Telecommunications, Trade, and Consumer Protection continued hearings on the Future of the Interactive Television Services Marketplace: What Should Consumers Expect? Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

FEDERAL WETLANDS POLICY

Committee on Government Reform: Held a hearing on "Federal Wetlands Policy: Protecting the Environment or Breaching Constitutional Rights?" Testimony was heard from Michael Davis, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Policy and Legislation, Office of Civil Works, Department of the Army; Robert Wayland, III, Director, Office of the Wetlands, Oceans, and Watersheds, EPA; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—METRO'S TRACK RECORD

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on the District of Columbia held a hearing on Examining Metro's Track Record: An Oversight hearing on the Challenges and Opportunities Facing the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority. Testimony was heard from Nuria Fernandez, Acting Administrator, Federal Transit Administration, Department of Transportation; the following officials of the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority: Gladys W. Mack, Chairman; Richard White, General Manager and CEO; Decatur Trotter, Vice Chairman and Christopher Zimmerman, Second Vice Chairman, both members of the Board of Directors; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—FCC MANAGEMENT PRACTICES

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Government Management, Information, and Tech-

nology held an oversight hearing on the Management Practices of the Federal Communications Commission: The Chairman Reports. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the FCC: William E. Kennard, Chairman; and H. Walker Feaster, III, Inspector General; and public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

APPROPRIATIONS—AGRICULTURE

Conferees on Thursday, October 5, agreed to file a conference report on the differences between the Senate and House passed versions of H.R. 4461, making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration and Related Agencies programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001.

AUTHORIZATION—DEFENSE

Conferees agreed to file a conference report on the differences between the Senate and House passed versions of H.R. 4205, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2001 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe personnel strengths for such fiscal year for the Armed Forces.

TRAFFICKING VICTIMS PROTECTION ACT

Conferees on Thursday, October 5, agreed to file a conference report on the differences between the Senate and House passed versions of H.R. 3244, to combat trafficking of persons, especially into the sex trade, slavery, and slavery-like conditions in the United States and countries around the world through prevention, through prosecution and enforcement against traffickers, and through protection and assistance to victims of trafficking.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD Week of October 9 through October 14, 2000

Senate Chamber

On Monday, Senate will not be in session.

On *Tuesday*, Senate will be in a period of morning business

On Wednesday, Senate will consider the conference report on H.R. 3244, Trafficking Victims Protection Act.

During the remainder of the week, Senate expects to consider any other cleared legislative and executive business, including appropriation bills and conference reports, when available.